

### OPEN FORUM

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#### BOONE'S CHURCHES

Editor Democrat:

Boone could well be called "the little city of churches," inasmuch as five of the leading Protestant denominations are represented here. In this respect the town is singularly fortunate for none of us would come to live in a community where the Christian religion was not a dominant force.

The Baptists were the first to be represented here and their present church plant is the outgrowth of that small band of devout souls that overcame all obstacles. Rev. J. C. Canipe is the present pastor. He is of the evangelist type and puts his messages across with force and conviction.

The Episcopalians were the next to establish themselves here, but after a few years they transferred their work to Valle Crucis where for many years they have carried on a worthwhile work.

The Methodist was the next church here, and since its organization has numbered among its pastors some of the greatest of that great denomination, not the least of whom is the present pastor, Rev. Paul Townsend. Mr. Townsend is an ardent hunter in his spare time, which is not much, by the way; for his time is well taken up in hunting for ways and means to help the community.

For many years the Lutherans have maintained an organization and at present this pulpit is ably filled by Rev. Edwin F. Troutman, who succeeded Rev. Mr. Yount, one of the Lutheran stalwarts. Mr. Troutman has a fine personality, he is a splendid preacher and is doing a great work here.

The Advent Christian church under the leadership of Rev. F. E. Warman, D. D., is making great strides in this neighborhood. Dr. Warman is one of the really big preachers in his church. Besides holding this pastorate, Dr. Warman is a member of the faculty of Appalachian College, so it can be readily seen that he is a very busy man.

For many years the Presbyterians of Boone have worked for the establishment of a church and now it appears that their labors are to be rewarded. A lot has been purchased and plans drawn for the new building. This coming spring, ground will be broken and building started. Mr. Henry Belk of Charlotte, perhaps the most prominent layman in the Presbyterian church in North Carolina, will contribute the brick and tile for the building, and when completed it will compare favorably with Boone's other splendid church edifices. Early this fall Rev. John Rhea of Greenville, Tenn., was called to this charge. Mr. Rhea preached his first sermon here on October 11, and since that time the membership has doubled. Besides this great work another congregation has been formed at Baird's Creek to keep pace with the mother church.

Mr. Rhea is a powerful preacher, earnest, sincere and wholly consecrated to his Master's service. Both he and his wife are indefatigable workers and their coming to Boone has been a real contribution to the spiritual life of the community.

DAVID P. ALLISON.

Boone, N. C.

### R. E. A. NOTES

#### LIGHT AND PLANT GROWTH

Florists and market gardeners find the use of the same type electric lamps used in your homes or barns very profitable for bringing flowers into bloom and controlling plant development to be ready for market at the time they will command the highest price.

Lamps in greenhouses or hotbeds can be turned on evenings or mornings to supplement normal daylight with low-intensity artificial light to either stimulate or retard blooming of lowers and stimulate plant growth. Thus light and soil heating make it practically possible to predict the day our crops will be ready for market.

Electric soil heating in hotbeds and propagating benches maintains that uniform ideal growing temperature to produce a more vigorous, uniform growth of young plants in a much shorter time. Electric beds are cleaner, need not be rebuilt each season, and cost very little to operate.

Ventilation and watering of electrically heated beds is handled much as in beds heated by other means, except that more water is generally required as a result of the drying effect of the heat from the wires. The thermostat governs the supply of heat, when needed, to keep the bed from dropping below the minimum setting.

Electric soil heating is becoming increasingly popular because of the ease with which the temperature of the plant bed is controlled. Once installed, only the turning of a switch is required to start the operation of the equipment.

DR. C. G. BAUGHMAN, eye, ear, nose and throat specialist of Elizabethton, Tenn., will be at the Hagan Clinic in Boone the first Monday in each month for the practice of his profession. 4-7-41

### Men of Christmas

Postmaster General James A. Farley receives Christmas cards at the rate of 1,000 a day during the Yule season.

Vasco Da Gama, the great Portuguese navigator, was born on Christmas day in 1469, discovered Natal, Africa, on Christmas day, 1497, and died on Christmas eve, 1524.

Oscar Phillips, postmaster at Santa Claus, Ind., cancels a half-million pieces of mail each Christmas season.

President Roosevelt gets a toothbrush and cake of soap in his stocking each Christmas—an old family custom.

Edward Keenan, who has enacted the role of Santa Claus in Milwaukee since 1927, keeps a small herd of reindeer all year round for this purpose.

### No, This Isn't Santa, Kiddies



Just a few of the boys entering into the festive spirit. Top to bottom: Eddie Cantor (couldn't you recognize those eyes?); Jimmy Durante (you couldn't miss that beak); and Boris Karloff, shudder merchant of the films.

#### Next Year's Yule Cards

Already Being Designed

Workers on Christmas cards carry on steadily all through the year. The artists who draw them have already produced their designs for the 1940-41 season, and as soon as the holidays are over the printer will begin work on those cards. One big firm in England has 500 men and women employed in the production of these cards, sometimes with calendars added.

#### Ex-Detroit Paper Boys

Aid 65,000 at Christmas

DETROIT — Twenty-five years ago the late James Brady conceived the idea of raising funds to insure needy children a merry Christmas by organizing a group of men who as boys had sold newspapers in the city. The idea was for them to return to their old corners at a stated period and sell papers to all who passed. Last year this organization of oldtimers raised about \$150,000.

### N. C. TO HAVE 32 VOTES IN G. O. P. CONVENTION

Washington, Dec. 7.—North Carolina Republicans will have 23 votes in the 1940 Republican national convention, according to the apportionment of the 1,000 delegates made here today by the Republican executive committee. Each dele-

gate will have one alternate. Chairman John Hamilton reported to the committee the nomination of Mrs. Lindsay Patterson as a member of the Republican national committee to fill the North Carolina vacancy caused by the death of Mrs. John R. Jones. The national committee at its meeting here in January will pass on the nomination of the North Carolina committee.

### McPherson-Harper Wedding Announced

The following announcement has been received by friends of the couple in this vicinity. Mr. Harper formerly resided at Blowing Rock where he edited the Blowing Rocket for one season.

"Doctor and Mrs. Samuel Dace McPherson request the honor of your presence at the marriage of

their daughter, Mary Banks, to Mr. Finley Gwyn Harper, Junior, Wednesday the twenty-seventh of December at eight o'clock, First Presbyterian church, Durham, North Carolina."

War, lack of jobs and racial antagonisms head the list of items about which high school students are most concerned, according to a recent Y. M. C. A. survey.

# Santa Says ... Play Safe



Wet slippery roads are ahead. Why take chances? Take advantage of our special low prices and have your smooth tires recapped. We absolutely guarantee you the same mileage as you will receive from any first line new tire AT HALF THE COST. Our shop is modern and complete. WHY PAY MORE WHEN YOU CAN SAVE HALF?

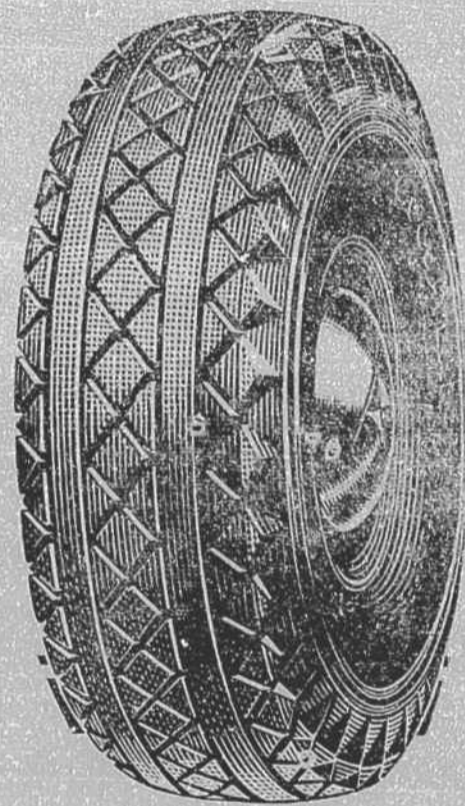
## HERE ARE THE NEW LOW PRICES on G-3 All-Weather GOOD YEAR TIRES

4.75 - 5.00-19	\$ 7.33
5.25 - 5.50-18	8.32
5.25 - 5.50-17	9.22
6.00 - 16	10.00
6.25 - 6.50-16	12.50

With your Old Tires OTHER SIZES IN PROPORTION

Used Tires as low as 50c

Simonize, only	39c
Tube Repair Kits	6c
Fan Belts, only	35c
Large Chrome Fog Lights, \$10.95 value, only	\$6.00
13-plate Batteries, guaranteed 12 months, only	\$3.95
17-plate Ford Batteries, guaranteed 18 months	\$4.95
Zerone and Prestone, gallon	?
Super-Shell Gasoline and Ethyl Gas, Gallon	?
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### A CHRISTMAS ADVENTURE

Disaster?

WE'RE FALLING

Is Santa's magic plane really out of control? What will happen to the young fliers? Watch the next installment!